IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and add new Claims 13 to 20 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A print data generation apparatus comprising:

a reception unit, configured to receive non-ejection information of a print head from a printer;

a generation unit, configured to generate print data for perform printing without a non-ejection nozzle based upon the non-ejection information received by said reception unit; and

a transmission unit, configured to transmit the print data generated by said generation unit to the printer.

14. (New) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said generation unit generates the print data for performing printing using a selected nozzle group selected from among a first nozzle group and a second nozzle group which are included in the print head and divided by the non-ejection nozzle based upon the non-ejection nozzle information received by said reception unit, wherein the selected nozzle group has the number of nozzles greater than another nozzle group.

15. (New) The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said generation unit generates the print data so that null data is transmitted to a nozzle group other than the selected nozzle group.

16. (New) The apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising a notification unit, configured to notify the printer that a paper feed amount per scan with the print head is reduced by the number of lines corresponding to the number of nozzles of a nozzle group that has the number of nozzles lower than another nozzle group.

17. (New) A printing method comprising:

a reception step of receiving non-ejection information of a print head from a printer;

a generation step of generating print data for perform printing without a non-ejection nozzle based upon the non-ejection information received in said reception step; and

a transmission step of transmitting the print data generated in said generation step to the printer.

18. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein in said generation step, the print data is generated for performing printing using a selected nozzle group selected from among a first nozzle group and a second nozzle group which are included in the print head and divided by the non-ejection nozzle based upon the non-ejection nozzle

information received in said reception step, wherein the selected nozzle group has the number of nozzles greater than another nozzle group.

19. (New) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein, in said generation step, the print data is generated so that null data is transmitted to a nozzle group other than the selected nozzle group.

20. (New) The apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising a notification step of notifying the printer that a paper feed amount per scan with the print head is reduced by the number of lines corresponding to the number of nozzles of a nozzle group that has the number of nozzles lower than another nozzle group.